Increase in PMGSY allocation

†3529. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for increasing amount under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and change in criteria therefor;

(b)if so, the details with regard to Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; and

(c) action Government have taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Requests have been received only from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu for increasing the annual allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(c) No change is contemplated in the norms of allocation as it is based on a weightage of 75% for Need (share^f Unconnected Habitations in the total Unconnected Habitations of the Country) and 25% on Coverage (share of Connected Habitations in the total Connected Habitations of the country).

Involvement of elected representatives in rural development programmes

3530. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elected representatives to the State Legislative and Parliament have any designated role in assisting the rural development programmes which are to be implemented through the Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b)if so, whether they are included as member in the District Planning Committees and other local development boards in their respective States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d)whether there is any proposal to review the functioning of developmental programmes through the Panchayati Raj Institutions and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATTL): (a) Yes, Sir. By making

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